GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN COST OF CULTIVATION .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the cost of cultivation on account of seeds has gone up over the years;

(b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise and Crop-wise; and

(c) The major steps taken by the Government to help small and medium farmers on that account?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The cost of cultivation on account of seeds ranges from Rs.124.03 per hectare in respect of jowar crop in the State of Karnataka upto Rs.2983.21 for groundnut crop in the State of Tamil Nadu during 2002-03. A statement showing the state wise and crop wise per hectare seed cost during the years 1998-99 to 2002-03 is given in the Annexure.

(c): To make available quality seeds in time at affordable price to all the farmers including small and medium, the Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme viz,`Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds`. The important components of the scheme, inter alia, include subsidy for promotion of hybrid seeds, transport subsidy on movement of seeds, assistance for boosting seed production in the private sector, assistance for creation of infrastructure facilities in public sector and seed village scheme to encourage farmers to develop storage capacity of the farmer- produced/saved seed. Under various crop production programme schemes, subsumed under macro management, assistance in the form of subsidy and distribution of seed minikits are provided to the farmers. Similar type of assistance is also provided to the farmers under the Scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm & Maize` and `Technology Mission on Cotton`.